

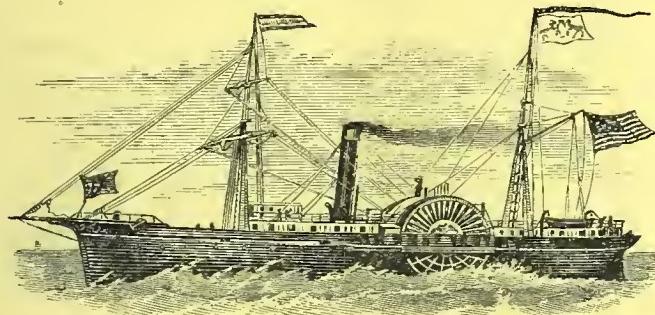
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# THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## PENNSYLVANIA SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY,

*MAY, 1875.*



OUR AIM: TO CHRISTIANIZE THE COMMERCE OF THE COUNTRY AND THE WORLD.

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PHILADELPHIA:

OFFICE AT THE SAILORS' HOME,

422 South Front Street.

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J. B. CHANDLER'S STEAM PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT,

Nos. 306 & 308 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

1875.

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*FORM OF BEQUEST.*

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I GIVE AND BEQUEATH to the PENNSYLVANIA SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, incorporated by the Legislature of Pennsylvania, in the year 1846, the sum of \$ , to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said Society.

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*LIFE MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS.*

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The payment of TWENTY DOLLARS at one time, constitutes a Life Member; FIFTY DOLLARS, a Life Director.

Donations to the Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Society to be sent to the Society's office, Sailor's Home, 422 South Front Street; to the Rev. S. BONHOMME, Corresponding Secretary; to GEORGE C. LANCASTER, ESQ., Treasurer, 209 Market Street; to HENRY D. SHERRERD, ESQ., President, or to any of the Directors.

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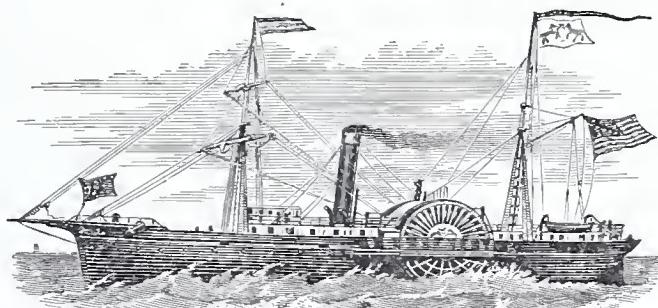
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## TONNAGE OF THE LEADING NATIONS.

Great Britain, . . . . .	7,236,916	Prussia, . . . . .	374,606
United States, . . . . .	4,800,652	Austria, . . . . .	332,532
France, . . . . .	1,008,084	Greece, . . . . .	280,392
Sweden and Norway, . . .	705,898	Russia, . . . . .	180,992
Italy, . . . . .	578,693	Denmark, . . . . .	148,280
Holland, . . . . .	538,676	Hanover, . . . . .	105,150
Spain, . . . . .	395,270	Chili, . . . . .	67,090
Hanse Towns, . . . . .	381,020	Belgium, . . . . .	39,720

**D**ESIRABLE.—A company has been formed to construct a ship canal across Cape Cod, a distance of about seven miles, to cost nearly \$3,000,000. It will secure a great saving of time, property, and life to the coast commerce. Between 1843 and 1860, 827 vessels were wrecked on that coast, and 512 lives lost.

**LITTLE PETER, THE SHIP BOY.**—By W. H. G. Kingston. Philadelphia: American Sunday School Union. Little Peter, the son of a missing English sailor, went to sea after his mother's death and was wrecked, was rescued and sailed to the Indian Ocean; converted many of his shipmates before suffering another shipwreck; was rescued once more and promoted to a captaincy; found his father serving as an unpaid missionary; returned home and married. There is more godliness than literary skill in the narrative.

**ENCOURAGING POSSIBILITIES.**—The tonnage of vessels built during the fiscal year ending with last June was 432,725—an increase of 70,040 tons over the corresponding period of the preceding year, and more than has been built in any other year since 1855. The total tonnage is 4,800,652 tons; an increase of 104,626 tons over 1873, and exclusive of the canal boat tonnage that amounts to 133,065 tons. Numbers were awarded to 700 vessels of 169,654 tons, of which 213 of 100 to 5,000 tons each were sea-going vessels, in the four months ending in November.

IT is stated, on British authority, that there were 4,335 steamships afloat in 1872, of which 2,538 were from Great Britain, and averaged 850 tons each. The year following 460 steamers were built in Great Britain, averaging 1,167 tons each. It is estimated that there are 5,250 steamers afloat this year. The figures do not include river craft.

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SAILORS' HOME,

NO. 422 SOUTH FRONT STREET, BETWEEN PINE AND LOMBARD, PHILADELPHIA.

## SUMMARY OF LOSSES AT SEA 1874.

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DISASTERS AT SEA.—The Boston *Globe* publishes a detailed statement of marine disasters of last year. The ship property destroyed was valued at \$11,783,000, while the sea has claimed a larger number of victims than usual. Storm, fire, wreck and collision have characterized the sad recital of the year's record. With comparatively few exceptions, the losses have been chiefly due to unusually tempestuous weather, and all the efforts and precautions which human ingenuity can devise seem futile to prevent such disasters. The loss includes 24 steamers, 51 ships, 102 barques, 64 brigs and 218 schooners. The most serious loss occurred in the month of January, involving the destruction of property valued at \$1,514,000. February, March, April and December were also severe months. Included in the list of steamers are the Atlantic, lost on the coast of Halifax (the melancholy details of which are still fresh in the public mind), and the Ville du Havre.

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TWO HUNDRED and forty-three persons have perished on the lakes this year, against 91 in 1873, and 219 in 1872. The estimated damage to property foots up \$3,031,600, against \$976,000 in 1872.

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DURING the year 1874 the life-boats of the National Life-boat Institution saved 543 lives on the British coast, and saved fifteen vessels from destruction. The Institution also granted rewards to fishermen and others for saving 170 lives during the year, making a grand total of 713 lives saved.

# THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Society.

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THE Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Society, in connection with their Annual Report, beg leave to offer a few general remarks.

Surely the interesting classes of men whose true welfare this Society is anxious to promote, have many and powerful claims on all their fellow citizens. Whatever motives may lead them first to embark in their perilous calling, we all share the fruits of their toil and dangers, and we are bound by every consideration—human, moral and religious, to do what we can to alleviate their sorrows and better their condition, as well as to find a way to help a work of so much importance. So great is the flood of iniquity sweeping through the streets of our City, that the individual who turns but one transgressor from the error of his ways, must be numbered among the friends of Jesus, of humanity, and morality, and as few can find time, or have the tact or talent to endeavor to snatch men from the jaws of vice and profligacy, they will find institutions and persons able and willing to do the work when the needed means are supplied.

The Board of Managers of this Society are desirous of aiding the Seaman wherever he may steer his course. There is good reason to believe that many of these toil-worn mariners have, by their sufferings, and the generous relief afforded them in their destitution,

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been led to serious reflections and corresponding conduct, as will be for their advantage the remainder of their lives.

These expectations are encouraged by what is frequently seen among the inmates of the Sailor's Home: the judiciously selected library is not neglected, the family altar is not forsaken, the Lord's Day is not disregarded, the Bible is not set aside. During the year just passed, the number of Bibles and Testaments given for the crews of sailing vessels, of various nationalities, from this port, is nine hundred and eighty-seven—also twenty-seven thousand pages of Tracts, and two hundred and twenty-five Libraries in languages of Germany, England, Portugal, Spain, France, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Italy, Holland, and America.

#### THE MAGNITUDE OF THE WORK OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

The libraries of this Society, which always include a copy of the word of God, are carefully chosen, and also include a manual of prayer, published by this Society, for use at sea. These libraries, consisting of six different sizes, when sent from our office are placed upon men-of-war, as well as vessels engaged in the merchant service. The progress of this work in this department of the Society's operations, and its undoubted value, beginning in the year 1861, presents a total of one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two libraries, of which number ninety-four were for the United States service.

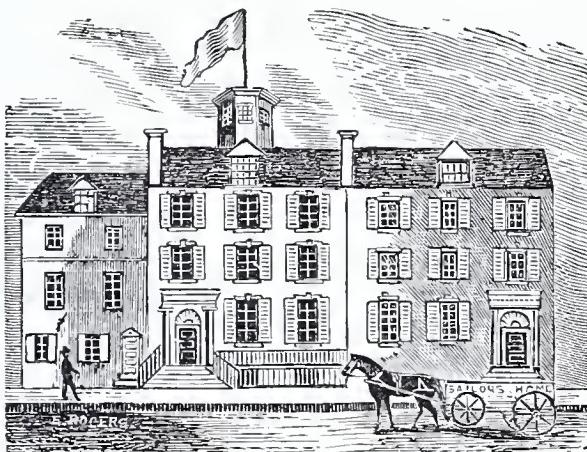
During the same period, ten thousand four hundred and sixty-two Bibles and Testaments, and five hundred and ten thousand pages of Tracts have been disseminated among seamen leaving the port of Philadelphia. Thus we have put in circulation a vast amount of reading matter, which, with the word of God, cannot fail to exert a salutary influence upon the minds of Seamen, while it has been the instrument through which a definite religious experience and a correct religious life has resulted.

It is humbly to be hoped that the citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, with her ample resources, and Philadelphia with her own increasing trade and commerce, will come forward and help libe-

rally and promptly this useful and important work, and that the citizens of no other place will be permitted to rise superior to those of the City of Brotherly Love, in endeavoring to elevate and bless the men whose toils and sufferings are as needful as they are severe, to maintain at the same time our individual and general happiness and prosperity, as well as our unrivalled position among the nations of the earth.

On this subject the Almighty Creator has of late spoken to us in language not easily misunderstood, and it is confidently hoped that the voice which has addressed us so eloquently from the stormy winds and raging waves, commingled with the groans and shrieks of multitudes perishing in the deep, will neither be disregarded nor forgotten.

“THE SAILOR’S HOME.”



422 South Front Street.

The Board of Managers would invite the friends of the Sailor to call at their Home, in Front street, and witness for themselves the order and neatness, and comfortable accommodations afforded our Seamen in that House; since its establishment twenty-nine thousand seven hundred and seven Seamen have been accommodated. The Board doubt not it will be, to those who take the trouble, a gratifying sight, and a pleasant reward for any exertions they may have made, or any gifts they have bestowed, to carry out and sustain this benevolent work. They would suggest that every member

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of the community is indebted largely to that class of men (whose welfare this Society is endeavoring to promote) for very much of their enjoyment.

During the past year seven hundred and five Seamen have been received into their spacious and comfortable Home. The amount of money deposited with the Superintendent for safe keeping, was six thousand two hundred and twenty dollars.

Many of the men could have had no shelter from the inclemency of the winter, had these doors been closed against them, and they would have been exposed to more withering blasts than they had ever contended with on the perilous bosom of the deep—the destructive blasts of vice and irreligion. In the Home they have mercifully been screened from such pernicious influences. There they have had, in addition to all the temporal comforts they could require, the watchful care of our Superintendent and family.

Their attention, morning and evening, has been directed to the enlightening and saving truths of Revelation, there they have been called to unite in prayer and thankfulness to that God who has watched over them in time of danger, and brought them to the desired haven. When the peaceful Lord's Day has dawned, they have been counselled to direct their steps to the Bethel, and, irrespective of sectarianism, to freely choose for themselves the churches or ministers most consonant to their own views and feelings.

In one of the Bethels in this city, we are credibly informed that seven Sailors have, the past year, made a public profession of their faith in Christ.

The weekly evening prayer meetings are generally well attended, and during the past year they have been at times marked with peculiar religious interest, many foreign Seamen have attended them and taken part in the exercises, testifying their faith and hope in the Saviour, and publicly acknowledging their purpose to live for Him, and make known His precious Gospel wherever their lot may be cast. These men of the ocean carry with them around the world, and scatter to some extent the blessed influences of the Gospel which they have found so precious to themselves in this Christian land. It is especially gratifying as well as interesting to mention, that the Wednesday evening service,

which is conducted by the Rev. C. L. Clausen, a Swede by birth, who preaches to the Scandinavian, Danish, Norwegian and Swedish Sailors, inmates of the Home, in their nations' tongues, have been productive of much good. They have been taught also the evils of intemperance. Nor have those salutary lessons been given in vain. Sobriety and consistency of conduct has marked the general deportment of the inmates.

The House Committee, from the Board of Managers, presents at each regular meeting a monthly report of the internal affairs of the establishment. The Superintendent also gives, in his report, an account of the number of boarders, and other matters connected with his department. By these means the working of the whole machinery is brought under the constant notice and control of the Board, that any defect may at once be known and remedied, and every want as soon as possible and practicable be supplied. The Female Seamen's Friend Society is kindly and efficiently engaged in visiting the families of Seamen, and ministering to their temporal and spiritual necessities, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and instructing the ignorant. They also give their attention to a variety of matters in the Home, which belong more especially to their inspection and arrangement; this work the ladies have cheerfully done from the beginning of the enterprise, with all that bland humanity and expansive charity which are their acknowledged characteristics. The continuance and usefulness at the Sailor's Home of Mrs. Bowman, in her ministrations of kindness, care and instruction to the inmates, and to the sick among them, deserve and receive the commendation and regard of the Board for these services.

Our cordial acknowledgments are tendered to the Philadelphia, and Friends' Bible Societies, for their liberal donations of the word of God. To Theo. Bliss, Esq., to Louis C. Fuller, and to Miss S., for donations of books, and to the Friends' Tract Society, for Tracts.

We would express our gratitude to the Executors of the Estate of the late Jesse George, for timely donations in money, to aid in the prosecution of our laudable work, and trust that others will feel a sufficient interest to "go and do likewise."

*Philadelphia, May, 1875.*

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE *Superintendent of the "Sailor's Home."*

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*To the Board of Managers  
of the Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Society.*

GENTLEMEN:—During the past year the blessing of God has attended the efforts among the inmates at the Home, great changes having been wrought in the hearts of seamen, being transformed by Divine grace from darkness into light, profanity has ceased, others having returned from their sea voyage, have during their absence maintained a Christian life, confessing Christ, who did not only pardon their sins, but who kept them by His power. Many letters from sailors have been received at the Home from other Continents, thanking us for the many kindnesses and good treatment they received while at the Home.

The number of seamen admitted at the Home during the year is seven hundred and five; the amount of money deposited for safe-keeping was \$6,220, some of which was sent to their families and friends, some deposited in Bank, and the balance returned to its inmates. One hundred and nineteen seamen shipped without advanced wages; sixteen shipwrecked and destitute sailors were provided for.

Before shipping they are usually supplied with religious tracts and other valuable literature.

Respectfully submitted.

J. T. ROBINSON.

*Philadelphia, April 12, 1875.*

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*Philadelphia, April 8, 1875.*

CAPT. J. T. ROBINSON,

*Superintendent "Sailors' Home,"*

*422 South Front Street, Philadelphia.*

DEAR SIR:—It is now nearly six months since you first kindly permitted me to have weekly religious meetings at the "Sailors' Home," for the Scandinavian seamen and others who would attend, and these meetings have ever since been held regularly every Wednesday evening at half-past seven o'clock, in a pleasant room, well warmed and lighted and arranged with seats, *free of charge*. The attendance has generally been good, sometimes quite large, and by this means I have been enabled to reach many of our seamen with the word of God, whom it would have been difficult, if not impossible, to reach otherwise. In some instances the word they heard there moved them so deeply, that they have sought me out afterwards to obtain more instruction and guidance, and earnestly asked me to pray with them and for them. But great as is the privilege to hear the word of God in their own language, it is made incalculably greater if they, at the same time, can be brought into such a "Home" as yours, and surrounded with Christian influences.

With grateful acknowledgment to yourself and to Mrs. Bowman for all your kindness, I will only add that I should wish to continue the weekly meetings as heretofore at the Sailors' Home, hoping and praying that our Lord Jesus Christ will bless the Home, and all its inmates, and all its patrons, for the sake of His own dear love.

AMEN.

With sincere respect and regard, I remain,

Very truly yours, &c.,

C. L. CLAUSEN,

*Pastor of the Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran  
Congregation in Philadelphia.*

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#### REPORT OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

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We find everything going on satisfactory, Capt. Robinson, his wife, and Mrs. Bowman giving the greatest attention to the

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comfort and welfare of the inmates, and keeping the house in good order.

They informed the committee that six months ago the Rev. E. L. Clausen, Pastor of the Scandinavian Lutheran Congregation of this city, called to know where he could find a room to hold meetings in for the benefit of Foreign Seamen. They offered their room for Wednesday evening; the meetings are largely attended, the pastor going to the different boarding houses and bringing the Seamen in to hear the Gospel preached in their own language. There has been a great deal of good feeling manifested by the hearers.

E. TURLEY,

*Chairman House Committee.*

*Philadelphia, April 12, 1875.*

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## *SHIP LIBRARIES.*

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The following is a list of vessels supplied with libraries in ten languages, since May, 1874, a total of two hundred and twenty-five libraries, and a grand total since 1861 of one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two

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## SCHOONERS.

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B. Talbot,	Electa Bailey,
V. L. Hickman,	Andrew Nesinger,
M. H. Rand,	Lucy M. Collins,
P. L. Clark,	Wallas S. Connery,
Abbey Corson,	Lettie,
Ann Jane Laughlin,	O. C. Clary,
D. H. Duerby,	Rescue,
S. W. Reece,	A. J. Fabers,
Wm. A. Worrell,	Helen Sharp,
Jennie R. Deverly,	Forbes,
Sarah Potter,	S. Bennett.

**BRIGS.**

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Hermes,	Fleetwing,
Nellie Clifford,	Scammell,
Hermes, No. 2,	Winogea,
Nash,	Oak,
Richmond,	E. L. Margaret,

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**BARKENTINES.**

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Joseph Barker,	Ocean Traveller,
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**BARQUES.**

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Bernhard,	Arizona,
E. H. Duval,	Cora Etta,
Northern Queen,	S. B. Millin,
	George Kingman.

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**AMERICAN SHIPS.**

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Richard Busteed,

No. 1721.—Contributed \$20 00 per H. D. Sherrerd, by a Friend.

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**STEAMERS.**

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Alice E. Preston.

U. S. Receiving Ship Potomac,

No. 1950.—Amount of \$20 00 contributed by the Sunday School of the West Spruce Street Presbyterian Church, per H. D. Sherrerd.

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U. S. Naval Asylum Hospital, Philadelphia.

## FOREIGN SCHOONERS.

## BRITISH.

R. S. Leonard,	Adele S. Hill,	Baraco.
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## FOREIGN BRIGS.

## SPANISH.

Intergredad.

## GERMAN.

Atalante,

Newman.

## ITALIAN.

Duc Figlee,

Creolat,

Nautilus,

Lily,

Soulle,

Carolina.

## BRITISH.

Hannah,

Ensign,

Fred. A. Scammel,

Mary M. Williams,

Adella S. Hill,

G. A. Coonan,

Forsuosa, } Books contributed

Prince, } by a Lady, and Mr.

Elina, } Fullerton, a minor.

## BRITISH.

Carrier Dove,

Elizabeth,

Edith,

Monsita,

Agilis,

## NORWEGIAN.

Insular,

Typhoon,

Atalanta.

## SWEDISH.

Hugo.

## FOREIGN BARKENTINES.

## RUSSIAN.

Maria.

## FOREIGN BARQUES.

DANISH.	ITALIAN.
Ansgar,	Geavans,
Fitania,	Carolis Cassanova,
Draper.	Marie Clotilda,
	Frederica,
	Fenaro,
RUSSIAN.	Guiseppe Prota,
Williams,	Osanna,
Satama,	Unione,
Patria,	Washington,
Ottawa.	Exploratore,
	Lufrotelli,
PORTRUGUESE.	Delfino,
Margarida.	Fasce,
	Francesco Cilento,
PRUSSIAN.	Primo Genero,
Eliza Lind.	Guiseppe Masone,
	Nuevo Mattes,
SPANISH.	Lei Frotelli,
Terita,	Aurora,
Albina,	Nicola Barcarie,
Yhes.	Nicolino.
	NORWEGIAN
ITALIAN.	
Ascotola,	Fanny,
Massinao D'Areglis,	Luna,
Maria Galotola,	Kackenyard,
Herman Behrend,	Alsrød,
Feniel,	Rusoer,
Louisa Brusa,	Hospital,
Eleau Cordain,	Vida,
Pasquale Agello,	Atlantic,
Lorenzo Pi,	Albertine
Giovanna,	Deodata,
Lititia,	Betty,
Antoinette,	
Angello,	
Nicola Drago,	
Maria,	
Noe,	

FOREIGN BARQUES—*Continued.*

NORWEGIAN.	GERMAN.
Brandon,	Spithal,
Alida,	Argo,
Preciosa,	Akkeva,
Emerald,	H. Matthews,
Peabody,	Meridian,
Skjola,	Einigkeit,
Fido,	Rhea,
Australia,	Hong Kong,
Veloa,	Coriolan,
Fredsael,	Sebastian Bach,
Aisrid,	Der Kleine Heinrich,
Gefion,	Success,
Tellees,	Germania,
Alfen,	Behrend,
Carl John,	Hillas,
Mendid,	Edward Waenerland,
Saguada,	Anna and Bertha.
Draupner,	SWEDISH.
Judiana,	Antoinette,
Hilda,	Charles and John,
Pantser,	Prince Carl,
Hermanos,	Hospital,
J. C. Berg,	Bragle,
Dea,	Veranda,
Formica,	Alpha,
Kundsvig,	Gefion,
Fornjot,	Magella,
Magnus Lagalota.	Eulalla,
GERMAN.	Cecilea,
Baltic,	Najaden.
Graff,	BRITISH.
Marie Rose,	Adella S. Hill,
Augusta,	Silver Cloud,
Louise,	Mary Lawton,

FOREIGN BARQUES—*Continued.*

## BRITISH.

Syringa,  
Corva Ella,  
Edine,  
Kiota,  
Minerva,  
Mille,  
Mispah,

Formosa,  
Prince,  
Elina.

## BRITISH.

## AUSTRIAN.

Kalk,  
Celestina,  
Abraham.

## FOREIGN SHIPS.

## GERMAN.

Australia,  
Derby,  
Competitor.  
  
DUTCH.  
Medea.

Arzilta.

## BRITISH.

## NORWEGIAN.

Abbe,  
Hewlens,  
Gulow.

## FOREIGN STEAMERS.

Geyor, Norwegian.

Swedish Sloop of War Gelfé,  
British Steamship Presnitz.

*Philadelphia Subscriptions, Donations, Collections, Legacies and Miscellaneous.*

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Legacy of Jesse George, additional, . . . . .	\$ 500 00	Harrison, Havemeyer & Co., . . \$10 00
Delaware Mutual Safety Insurance Company, . . . . .	100 00	Henry Disston & Sons, . . . . . 10 00
Insurance Company of North America, . . . . .	100 00	Baeder, Adamson & Co., . . . . . 10 00
S. & W. Welsh, . . . . .	50 00	Wm. Massey, . . . . . 10 00
Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania . .	50 00	Workman & Co., . . . . . 10 00
E. O. Thompson to constitute Benjamin Thompson a Life Director . . . . .	50 00	Henry J. Williams, . . . . . 10 00
McKean, Borie & Co, . . . . .	50 00	Thomas H. Powers, . . . . . 10 00
Thomas Clyde, . . . . .	50 00	Morris Wheeler & Co., . . . . . 10 00
Mrs. Grace Brown, . . . . .	50 00	Justice, Bateman & Co., . . . . . 10 00
Mrs. A. M. Fahnestock, . .	35 00	Cope Brothers, . . . . . 10 00
Mrs. W. A. Blanchard, . . .	25 00	Chas. B. Rickard, . . . . . 10 00
Union Mutual Insurance Co.,	25 00	Samuel & Frank Field, . . . . . 10 00
John C. Darrah . . . . .	25 00	Mrs. James Bayard, . . . . . 10 00
John Dallett & Co., . . . . .	25 00	John B. Love, . . . . . 10 00
L. Westergaard & Co., . . . . .	25 00	Whitney & Bros., . . . . . 10 00
Geo. E. Taylor, . . . . .	25 00	Potter & Worrell, . . . . . 10 00
Shortridge, Borden & Co., .	20 00	Thos. C. Hand, . . . . . 10 00
Wm. M. Baird, . . . . .	20 00	René Guillou, . . . . . 10 00
Geo. W. Childs, . . . . .	20 00	Alexander Brown, . . . . . 10 00
American Life Insurance Co.,	20 00	Gibson & Sons, . . . . . 10 00
Capt. John Loughlin and lady,	20 00	Cash, per Henry D. Sherrerd, . 10 00
James, Kent, Santee & Co., .	20 00	S. & J. M. Flanagan, . . . . . 5 00
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# FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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*Female Seamen's Friend Society.*

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In presenting the Forty-first Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the Female Seamen's Friend Society, we would humbly raise our hearts in thankfulness to God for the prosperity and fruitfulness which have crowned the labors of the past year, and rejoice that a growing interest has been excited in the community, for the moral and spiritual improvement of the Sailor, whose life has been characterized as "perpetual imprisonment, with the chance of being drowned." It has often been marveled that so many men are found willing to adopt the life of a sailor, with its accompanying hardships and its dangers; but these are of minor importance when compared with the social and religious privations to which he is subjected—nor are these all, other dangers await him when he reaches port, where he falls a prey to the seducer—the wicked tempter with his drugged bottle, and the harpies that swarm around to rob him of his hard earnings.

No class of men appeals more strongly to our sense of gratitude and justice, than the "men of the sea," who defend our country's flag, and brave the perils of the ocean in supplying us with foreign

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fruits and other luxuries, also, many of the fabrics we wear, as well as most of the works of art that adorn and refine our homes. Without these toilers of the sea we would have no commerce, no foreign market for our products or manufactures; these facts should exert a deep and abiding interest in every Christian heart, when we consider that these articles cost the *lives* as well as the *souls* of men. Shall we not hasten to their rescue? To labor in behalf of seamen is following the example of our Saviour, who commenced his ministry among the men who "go down to the sea in ships." His early converts were seamen—four of His apostles were sea-faring men. What a powerful influence the conversion of sailors would have upon the missionary cause—hence the importance of evangelizing them by converting them to Christ, which is a subject of Divine promise: "The abundance of the sea shall be converted unto Thee." "The sea is His." Three millions of seamen are employed on the sea, and hundreds of these have been converted to God.

The religious services at the Sailor's Home are well attended, and a number of precious souls have been brought to believe on Jesus Christ, and depend alone on him for salvation. Two meetings are held each week—one in the English language—the other in the Scandinavian, for the benefit of Swedes, Danes, and Norwegian sailors. Rev. Mr. Bonhomme continues to prosecute his work among seamen—placing hundreds of libraries on board of vessels, and distributing tracts in several languages among seamen from almost every corner of the world. We would gratefully bear testimony to his faithfulness to the interests of our Society, and punctuality in attending our stated or special meetings. We would also make grateful mention of Rev. Mr. Group, whose zeal and industry in behalf of seamen merit more than a passing notice. He is untiring in his efforts to serve their interests—laboring with love and earnestness, and rejoicing in the conversion of these "men of the sea." His frequent visits at the Sailor's Home, where he has opportunities for religious conversation with seamen, thus exerting a wide influence. They speak of him with much affection, and will ever retain pleasant remembrance of his kind and cordial greeting, and of the words that have been fitly spoken regarding the salvation of their souls, offering the bread of life to multitudes lacking

it and ready to perish. He visits the Sailor's Home every Sabbath morning and evening, extending his usual invitation—" Well, men, how many of you are going to accompany me to church?" which meets with a hearty and willing response. With gratitude we would also return our acknowledgments to Rev. Mr. Clauseñ, whose energies have been directed to the Sailor's Home in behalf of those seamen unacquainted with our language, which work is impressively important, and has met with Divine favor. The excellent manner in which the Home is conducted through the indefatigable exertions of the worthy Superintendent, Capt. J. T. Robinson, his wife, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Bowman, merits more than ordinary praise. Neatness, cleanliness, and good order, prevail throughout the entire establishment, and the family labor and endeavor to avert the terrible influences at work for the temporal and eternal ruin of the " sons of the ocean," as soon as they reach port, by providing all the comforts of home on strictly temperance principles—they are well cared for, and a most wholesome influence thrown around them by every member of the family. Mrs. Bowman is so kind and untiring in her exertions for the welfare of the sailors, while sojourning at the Home, that she is regarded by the majority of them with the affection of a son for his mother. She takes charge of their best clothing while at sea, and packs their chests preparatory to their departure, not neglecting to add a good supply of tracts and other religious reading matter. We feel greatly encouraged in the work of placing carefully selected libraries on board of vessels, which has been the means of bringing forth much good fruit. This outlay of money for libraries is one of the most fruitful and profitable in God's service for the conversion of seamen, and we earnestly pray that God's blessing may follow every library and its donor. A sea captain's opinion recently given to us, is—" It is the best work yet begun for the spiritual welfare of seamen." We were not permitted to close another year's labor without the oft repeated admonition—" Be ye also ready"—three of our co-laborers have passed through the last conflict, reminding us that we, who are permitted to linger here a little longer, should increase our efforts for the conversion of the sailor, that "soon the night cometh when no man can work." Owing to the remarkable

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severity of the past winter, and the very great depression in financial affairs, the number of applicants for assistance far exceeded that of any previous year. The donation from the Executors of the George Estate was most opportune, enabling us to lend a helping hand to all the worthy cases that came under our notice. The case of a shipwrecked captain and his family, consisting of a young and interesting wife and three small children, elicited our warmest sympathies. Immediately on the return of this unfortunate man, after stating that he had lost all he possessed, and unable to pay the boarding of his family then due, they were set out on the street. Kindly aid was extended by a Christian lady of St. Peter's Mission. Application was immediately made to our Society for relief, which was promptly given. Comfortable quarters were secured, stove and fuel, bed and bedding, and necessary food supplied for some weeks, and each month's rent paid until the captain recovered from a spell of illness, when he shipped again for sea in the capacity of mate, being anxious to take any position, even if subordinate, that he might provide for his wife and little ones. As he shipped for very small wages, aid is still rendered necessary. A seaman very sick with consumption, and apparently not long for this world, was anxious to return home to his family at Rondout, New York, but, without means to reach there. We defrayed his expenses thither, furnished him with flannel shirts and drawers, and in every way he was made as comfortable as possible while at the Home. Our list of regular beneficiaries was largely increased —several aged and intelligent women, the wives and widows of seamen, applied for aid during the winter, it being the first time they had been obliged to seek pecuniary assistance, for the reason that no employment was to be had. We render thanks to God that we were able to mitigate the unparalleled suffering of so many families. Many, with tears in their eyes, were loud in expressing thanks that starvation had been warded off, and God's blessing invoked for the prosperity of the Society. The number of sailors in the Pennsylvania Hospital during the past few months was unusually large. At one time there were more than forty with broken limbs, who hailed from almost every nation. In several of them, a deep feeling and earnest interest in the great subject of the soul's

salvation were apparent. The religious element in this hospital work commends itself to every Christian. A large number of Gospels, and Tracts and Leaflets, were distributed among them. In prior reports mention was made of two sailors, disabled from ever going to sea. One of them, Frank H., lost his eye-sight, and remained blind for some months. The right eye was removed, and the sight of the left one was restored by skilful treatment at the Wills Hospital. By his exemplary conduct while there as a patient, he was tendered a position in the Institution, which he accepted, and filled for more than two years so satisfactorily, that the managers promoted him to a more responsible and remunerative situation, the duties of which he discharges quite as creditably. John H., a disabled seaman, who spent many months in the Penn Hospital, with broken limbs and other severe injuries received at sea, procured a situation on a farm in Delaware, more than a year ago, and gives entire satisfaction to his employer. He lives a Christian life, endeavoring to win souls to the Saviour, and gathering the children into the Sabbath School. Although he receives very small wages, he sends a very generous subscription to the Society that aided him in time of need—his gratitude being almost unexampled. In a recent letter he writes as follows:

“It is with the utmost joy and gratitude I write, stating how  
“good God has been to me in the long, cold winter that has just  
“passed over us. During the year that I have lived in the country,  
“God has given me a good measure of health, and an increase of  
“strength, that enables me to look onward in the future to praise  
“and to bless His holy name, for the great mercy shown to me in  
“the past. I cannot but recall to mind with a shudder the days,  
“weeks and months of trial and suffering I experienced two years  
“ago in the Pennsylvania Hospital, when I underwent that great  
“operation—and had given up all hopes of my recovery. My heart  
“fails to express the debt I owe to the Female Seamen’s Friend So-  
“ciety. God looked on me with pitying eye—put friends in my  
“pathway—and, had it not been for their great care, with God’s  
“blessing, I would have been in the cold, still river of Death. I am  
“a living monument of God’s mercy, and I can never pay the debt  
“of gratitude I owe. Blessed be His exalted name. I enclose five

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"dollars of my small means, a subscription to the Society, to aid  
"them in their good work for my fellow seamen. God bless you  
"all."

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of one hundred and fifty pairs of drawers every week, from the Provident Society, during the winter, which were given to seamen's families to make. Flannel was purchased, and made into shirts and drawers by sailors' wives, at remunerative prices, for the use of shipwrecked and disabled seamen.

We return thanks to the Pennsylvania Seamen's Society, for a generous donation of blankets, sheeting, and calico, for comfortables, which afforded some employment for the needy, and supplied the Home with necessary bed-clothing that was much needed.

We received, with much pleasure and gratitude, a pretty, new bed-quilt, made by the women of the Mother's Meeting, of Second Presbyterian Church.

## OUR VOYAGE AND VOYAGERS.

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BY REV. A. VINCENT GROUP.

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HOW beautifully the position of the seaman symbolizes the Church of the Redeemer! What important lessons this resemblance unfolds! It tells us that time is a sea, that life is a voyage, the Church a vessel, Jesus the captain, and we the mariners. God's word is our chart, the rule of faith our compass, and hope is the anchor entering to that within the veil. Thus we are perfectly equipped, and like the mariner on the Atlantic, amid the heaving surge, the pelting storm, the glaring lightning, the pealing thunder, and the midnight darkness, we onward press! Our trusty pilot is at the wheel, the seamen at their posts, the vessel rears and plunges, but loses not her balance. Onward! onward! she moves, till lo! the clouds break and depart, maddening billows cease their raging, all is over, and the vessel uninjured. Fair sunshine smiles upon the conquering crew! Gentle breezes fan their brows! Heavenly music whispers:

No surge can wreck, no winds can stay  
Our ship, as home she speeds!  
With hope's fair sunshine on her way  
No pelting storm she heeds.

Thus, for centuries, it has been—thus it will be till the last conflict is past, and the last mariner takes his place in that port where no jarring elements disturb his tranquil rest, and where the sunlit waters are “broken only by the calm breath of Omnipotence.” Oh! that every seaman might find a place on this trusty vessel!

The country needs their fruitful toil—the Church will never conquer without them. *The seamen!* Were it not for them, there would be no interchange of commerce, no international benefits. No union and fraternal alliances of the churches of Christendom, *no missionaries transported to heathen lands.* Should we not do something for those who do so much for humanity? And if the grandest pursuits of our civil and religious compacts are to such a remarkable extent in the hands of seamen, should we not realize a sense of our obligation to them? Shall we pay large sums to “*Home and foreign missions*” and nothing to the Christianizing of the mariner? One of the saddest things of which the Church is reminded by the Ocean’s children, is the fact that large sums are paid to the support of missionaries, but the brave men who give to the light-bearing minister a safe voyage, are forgotten—too frequently forgotten!

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